

Appln. No.: 10/657,646
Office Action Dated: August 12, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Telephone Interview

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for conducting the telephone interview on August 25, 2005. During the interview, the Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the apparent misgrouping of claims in the Office Action mailed 8/12/2005, and the Examiner requested that the Applicant submit a written response and select Group I or Group II claims as indicated in the Office Action.

Remarks/Arguments

In the Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, claims 1-47 were deemed subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (Claims 1-34 and 43-47) and Group II (Claims 35-42).

By this response, the Applicant provisionally elects Group I without traverse. Claims 35-42 have been withdrawn.

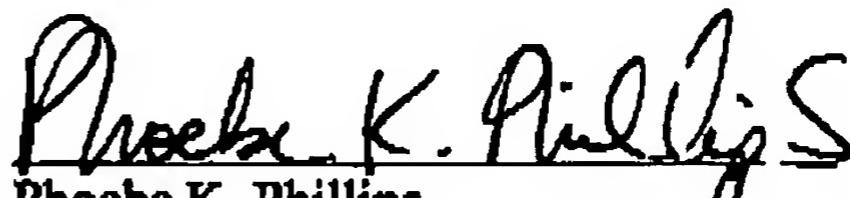
The Applicant's election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicant's right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a continuing application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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